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Your excellent memo proves what was proven, that McDonald has deMohrenschildt as Troit.

This is in earlier versions of his book, explicitly. I also got him to state it when we met in New York in a conference between his lawyers and a hardback publisher who used me as a consultant.

I do not think it necessary that McDonald read the volumes himself. I do think it is possible some of the "critics" provided these details.

One I can name.

One with helpers.

Irregularly I am getting stories from the Dallas papers. Those of special significance I'll copy and send. If you want fuller copies, later. We have splurged to save money. But initially it is costing much and means a fair amount of work to save paying commercial fees. Right now through an accident no cost for copies, just time. But the backlog is about 2,500 copies, with slow-downs from stapling.

Here is how it happened. First we had the second of three instalments on the sale of the farm that was confiscated. (Jim has suspicions and will look into things when he get back.)

The winter was not as cold as I can recall but it stayed below freezing from before thanksgiving. The frost line was twice the supposed maximum, what the code calls for in building foundations. So when it thawed it was very hard on the lane. So were gully-washer rains. It was really no trouble to me but as time goes on without repair it could be. What I was concerned about is Lil's trick knee. So when one of her clients who does pavid was here I got an acceptable estimate and that work is bring done in sections. I decided to do more. First I did only the lane. It worked out so well I decided to do the turnaround by the house.

The cost of duplicating records so Jim could have a set was really climbing. I was stupid not to think of getting a good machine, meaning a cheaper to use and faster machine, before I did. Once I did, however, I was careful, shopped around as best I could and wound up with a superior deal, a sixth off list plus 10,000 sheets of paper plus a year's chemicals plus a calculator for Lil. This was possible on a cash deal, possibly because we had the payment for the sold property. So The guy knew that he had an immediate, clean profit. He doesm not stock these expensive gadgets but has a deminstrator. He would lend me that for the 10-14 days it would take for the machine to come. He was good as his word, only careless. He forgot to strap the heavy machine to the cart on which it is moved in and out of the stationwagon. So he took a cloverleaf too fast coming here, turned it over, lost a speacial brush in the works, caused an electrical breakdown that manifested itself while he was teaching us how to use it. We had a signed contract. What to do? So he was going to service it here but the service man said not satisfactory so today he pulled in with a Minolta electrographic machine, one that uses a pecial paper (which is why we did not get it although it costs much less) and enough free paper to make between 4-5,000 copies. To last us until the new macgine is delivered. Of course the next 10,000 copies now will cost little more than electricity and amortization. After about 40,000 copies a new part that without service costs $125 is necessary. We will have a true bond copier when the new one comes. Lil is already ecstatic over the time it is saving her in making copies of tex returns. She had been spending hours a day with the slow 3M. The new machine will make a copy each 6-7 seconds. Next tax season this may save her two hours a day! So it was close to a real need, I think a real one, regardless of costing more than a brand new car with all extras. The 13-year-old one will do us.

We have really been using the money from the farm to make life easier and better as well as, ultimately, safer and cheaper.

Today's extravagance was my giving Lil a my-birthday present. This goes back to my faith in the weather forecasters. When they forecast a rough winter and I thought of my condition plus Lil's and out distance from the road I decided to get a good CB for emergencies. Two friends who are experts say I did well. Of course I've not used it. But yesterday I was doing some work on the road, filling up the shoulders where there once were hollows and now the rainwater washed over and cuts the this soil out, and I did not hear Lil when she called me to the phone. So I thought of this and the days ahead when with better weather I'll be walking more and the large number of media calls me and decided that maybe we could use this unused CB as a paging system. I knew we could with the kid stuff the K-Marts sell but that is not dependable and not small. So I called the new electronics company with which we have had such good experiences and sure enough they have one that will fit in either a hip pocket or on a belt. I already have a battery recharged so beginning tomorrow, hopefully with only the initial cost (which is more than an old- style car model costs at radio Shack) Lil will be able to call me and I'll be able to return the call, whether I'm walking or, I hope, mowing.

Between these expenditures and the heavy drain of the xeroxing, court costs and depositions, I'm afraid to ask Lil where the account stands. It is very close, I'm sure. But these really are not extravagances and the new copying machine should pay for itself within a fairly short period of time. (What I got is a Japanese machine good enough for the older model to be the current 3M model at $1,000 more than I've paid, not counting the side freebees. This is the fourth year of Toshiba's making a true bond copier so there is no reason for bugs to remain.)

This also can mean much with the Archives goinf up to 20¢ a page for copies. Here I want you to know that I have ordered all on the new list save the 120+ page CIA study (of the past) or Russian technicques in behavior modicification. I've had it. So if you are not in a hurry after tax season, now only a week away, and after the immediate pressure on copying records for Jim is over, we can make this for you. This also goes for the CIA release, for which, when it is legal-sized, we'll have to buy only paper.

We have had considerable help from an L.A. friend you do not know. I do not anticipate any marked reduction in the sales of books now. While they are not what they were they are enough for us to inch along. Of course this makes the owning of a machine and the reduction in xeroxing costs more important. When he can he helps and that money goes into the special account in Washington on which Jim draws for these costs. I've never written a check on it. Each time the account empties Lil replenishes it, from what we got for the Hyattstown property.

If you want to know how valuable this help is, about the time I set this special account up I asked Lil for an idea of what these costs were running. This was after Wisconsion (and your contribution from your honorarium went into the Jim account). It was actually about $100 a week. Thank God we sold the farm, even disadvantageously! I had had no idea it had been that much. Actually it was a little more. Jim did not keep his books or payments up to date. He indicated today that he has only the arithmetic left. I think Lil also paid some of that. I look back and wonder how we paid. Meanwhile, good friend Paul has just sent more than 2/3 of what the court reporter's bill is for the Frazier and Cunningham depositions cost. The court, subpoena and witness costs came from the special account. I think the Shaneyfelt and Gallagher depositions will cost no more because the copy of the Shaneyfelt one came from Jim today and it is not as long as I expected it to be. He had filed a subpoena on Kilty despite Pratt. I hadthought from the way he spoke it would also include Williams. This is returnable a week after Jim gets back. It will force the government to move to quash and the issue really is false swearing. We have that real tight now.

I have not gone completely ape on money, which is why this has grown as long as it has. We are the guests of our Chinese restaurateur friend for my birthday dinner tonight. When I started this Lil was copying today's tax returns. But with below-freezing nights I'm still heating us with the fireplace and when I got wound up I neglected the fire. Hope you find good quarters in Jax. Best,